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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application of Consolidated Telecom, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to operate as a reseller of interexchange telecommunications services, including operator services, to correctional facilities within the State of South Carolina and regulation of its interexchange service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation in Commission Order Nos. 1995-1734 and 1996-55 in Docket No. 1995-661-C, and as modified by Commission Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C.

Docket No. 2018-180-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") has reviewed the Application of Consolidated Telecom, Inc. (the "Company") and believes that the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") granting the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity requested is consistent with the public interest.

The ORS Audit and Telecommunications Departments reviewed the Company's application and filings to assess the Company's financial, technical and managerial resources. Based on these reviews, ORS has concluded that the Company possesses the resources needed to provide the services requested and that the Company's request for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is consistent with the public interest. *See* S.C. Code § 58-9-280.

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ORS does not intend to attend the hearing scheduled for July 8, 2019. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. Lessie Hammonds

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